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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED AUGUST 12, 2002**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 12, 2002 for which the date for response is September 12, 2002.

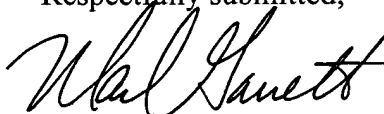
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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-29 and 40-72, *i.e.*, the Group I claims. Applicant points out that the uses described by

the Office for the different groups of claims are exemplary only. As Applicant's specification makes clear, other uses exist for the subject matter of the different groups of claims, including uses that are more specific than those identified by the Office.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3031 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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